

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1160

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate William Edward “Bill” Hull upon his induction into the Tennessee Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts, bring honor to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout its sterling history, Tennessee has been blessed with countless exemplary citizens who have made significant contributions to the musical arts; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is William Edward “Bill” Hull who was recently inducted into the Tennessee Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, a native of Sparta, Tennessee, Bill Hull attended Tennessee Technological University, from which he graduated in 1958 with a degree in instrumental music education; while at the University he received numerous awards and scholarships, served as Band President, and lent his talents as student director of the Tech Troubadours, a seventeen-member dance orchestra; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, Mr. Hull moved to Bedford County and served that county’s school system from 1958 until 1963; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, he moved to Columbia to take on the position of brass and percussion instructor, as well as serving as the director of the Columbia Central High School concert band and the Whitthorne Junior High School marching band; and

WHEREAS, for the next fifteen years Mr. Hull, in collaboration with Tom Tucker, guided his students to unparalleled levels of accomplishment, as his concert bands consistently received superior ratings in the performance of Grade VI classification music; and

WHEREAS, while under his capable tutelage, Mr. Hull's bands were invited to perform as the featured Clinic Band at Vanderbilt's Peabody College, conducted by the internationally renowned composer Vaclav Nehlybel, and at the Mid-South Band Clinic in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, throughout Bill Hull's illustrious tenure at Columbia Central High School, the Columbia band consistently placed about thirty-five students in the All Middle Tennessee Bands and fifteen students in the Tennessee All State Band or Orchestra each year; and

WHEREAS, many of Mr. Hull's students went on to study at prestigious universities, from which they received scholarships for their musical abilities, and often became successful band directors themselves; and

WHEREAS, Bill Hull left teaching in 1978, but returned to Whitthorne Middle School in 1987, because he longed to work with band students again; although he retired from Maury County Public Schools in 1998, he continued to teach privately until 2005; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, Bill Hull has contributed his expertise to numerous organizations, including serving as president of the Middle Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association for three two-year terms, member of the Tennessee Music Educators Association's Board of Control, and president of the Tennessee Chapter of Phi Beta Mu; he has also chaired several All State events; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards or accolades, Mr. Hull is the much deserved recipient of the Citation of Excellence from the National Band Association; he has appeared as a clinician and adjudicator throughout the southeastern United States; and

WHEREAS, his many professional achievements aside, Bill Hull is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Jean-Marie; together they reside in Culleoka, where Mr. Hull continues to play trumpet in several adult community bands and engage in freelance work; and

WHEREAS, Bill Hull epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge Bill Hull for his musical contributions and dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens, especially our children; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate William Edward "Bill" Hull on the occasion of his induction into the Tennessee Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame, applaud his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.